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1. STATE 199151 WAS RECEIVED AFTER MEETING WITH FRYDENLUND ON SEPTEMBER 10. HOWEVER, I PLAN TO TRY TO SEE FRYDENLUND AFTER THE CABINET AND THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT CONSIDERS NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE IEP ON SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17 AND BEFORE THE ECG MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20. FRYDENLUND IS AWARE OF OUR HOPE THAT NORWAY WILL PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE AT THE ECG MEETING. I WILL UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE WE CONTINUE TO ATTACH TO THIS AND WILL TRY TO OBTAIN A BETTER FIX ON BOTH THE NORWEGIAN TIMETABLE FOR PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION OF THE IEP AND ON POSSIBILITIES OF NORWEGIAN AGREEMENT TO FORMAL CONSTITUTION OF IEP IN THE OECD FRAMEWORK IN EARLY OCTOBER. IN MEANTIME EMBASSY WILL INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING ARNESEN, WHO WILL PROBABLY LEAD NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO ECG MEETING, MEET WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ IN BRUSSELS ON SEPTEMBER 18.

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN
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MINISTRY, KJELD VIBE, WHO WILL PROBABLY ACCOMPANY FRYDENLUND

TO UNGA TOLD DCM TODAY THAT ASIDE FROM TRIGGER THERE ARE TWO ASPECTS OF IEP WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL FOR PRESENTATION OF IEP TO PARLIAMENT. FIRST IS DEFINITE FIGURE FOR MAXIMUM OIL ALLOCATION TO OTHER IEP MEMBERS IN AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE NORWAY IS GIVING UP ONLY MINIMAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS RESOURCES. SECOND IS DEFINITE AGREEMENT THAT IEP COMMITMENT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH COMMITMENTS TO SUPPLY OIL TO THIRD COUNTRIES, NOTABLY SWEDEN AND FINLAND (SEE ALSO PARAGRAPH 6 OF OSLO 3589). EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO STRESS THAT MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF OIL WHICH NORWAY WOULD HAVE PRECOMMITMENT TO ALLOCATE TO OTHER MEMBERS OF IEP IN AN EMERGENCY WOULD BE 10 PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL CONSUMPTION OR APPROXIMATELY 18,000 BARRELS A DAY WHICH IS EXTREMELY SMALL FRACTION OF TANKER LOADINGS OR OF PROJECTED NORWEGIAN PRODUCTION. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON NON-INTERFERENCE WITH NORWEGIAN SALES TO THIRD COUNTRIES. BYRNE

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